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A. DE COSMOS, Editor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1859.

CANADA AND THE HUDSON BAY CO.

In the Quebec Mercury of Feb. 22d, we find published a lengthy correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and Gov. Barends of the Hudson's Bay Company, relative to setting aside their Charter, in order to open their whole territory, Rupert's Land to colonization. In reply to a communication to Sir E. B. Lytton, asking the Company to consent to call in question their rights under the Charter of Charles II. Gov. Barends, under date of Oct. 12 says: "The company cannot be a party to any proceeding which is to call in question rights so long established and recognized; but they will be prepared to protect themselves against any attempt on the part of the Canadian authorities to deprive them, without compensation, of any portion of the territory they have so long been in possession of."

Earl Carnarvon, under instructions from the Colonial Secretary in reply, expresses disappointment and regret that no amicable arrangement could be made to test the validity of the disputed Charter before a Judicial Committee of the Privy Council with the concurrence of Canada; that in case they will not consent, "he (Sir E. Bulwer Lytton) will take the necessary steps for closing a controversy too long open, and for securing a definitive decision which is due to the development of British North America, and the requirements of an advancing civilization. That in such case the renewal of exclusive license to trade in any part of the Indian Territory—a renewal which could only be justified to Parliament as a part of a general agreement adjusted on principles of mutual concession—must become impossible."

Gov. Barends in an answer dated Nov. 10, '58, says: "While I and my colleagues in the direction of the Hudson's Bay Company are anxious to do all that we can, consistently with our duty to our stockholders, to meet the wishes of H. M. Government, and of the Canadian Legislature, we feel that we cannot return any answer to your letter of the 5d instant than that conveyed by letter to you on the 12th ult."

On Dec. 16, '58, the Attorney and Solicitor General inform the Colonial Secretary that Canada should apply for writ of scire facias in order to repeal the charter.

In a dispatch from Sir E. B. Lytton, dated Dec. 22d '58 to the Governor General of Canada, he says: "I have to request that you will invite your Government to take steps in accordance with the suggestions of the Law Advisers, and that you will inform me as soon as practicable of the course which the Government of Canada may resolve to adopt in this matter. Parliament will doubtless meet in the first week in February, and I need not say how desirable it will be if her Majesty's Government could then be prepared to notify the decision of Canada."

We have not learned what action the Canadian Government have taken, but judging from its well known hostility to

the Company, and the determined tone of the Colonial Secretary's reply we safely conclude that the validity of the Charter will be tested immediately and no doubt it will be proven invalid. At any rate, their immense territory will be opened to colonization the present year, it being impossible to stop the advance of civilization in order to benefit a few fur traders. There are startling events, then, in store for British North America.

EXTRACTS FROM COMMISSIONER NUGENT'S REPORT.

CHIEF PURPOSE OF SPECIAL AGENCY.

"To infuse among the citizens of the United States temporarily resident in the vicinity of Fraser's River, a spirit of subordination to the colonial authorities, and respect for the laws of Great Britain. . . . Some such intervention by the United States was deemed necessary for the reason that much exasperation was alleged to exist, against the servants of the Hudson's Bay Company and the authorities of Vancouver Island, in consequence of the onerous exactions to which they were said to have been subjected by those officials."

MINERS DROWNED.

"The first body of gold seekers found their way to Fraser river from Victoria in canoes, skiffs, and whale-boats, American steamers being at that time jealously excluded from the river. Numbers perished in these hazardous voyages; many were lost in the mazes of the archipelago that stretches from Discovery Island to the edge of the Gulf of Georgia; and many more in attempting to cross that stormy and dangerous gulf, dangerous even for strong and large steamers, from the peculiarity of its currents, and from other causes."

CAUSE OF THE EXODUS.

"But there is no doubt that, independently of the unpromising character of mining and agricultural operations, the early and rapid abandonment of the colonies was induced, in some measure, by the petty exactions, and other annoyances, to which they were subjected by the servants of the Hudson Bay Company, and the officers of the colonial government."

TEN PER CENT. DUTY.

"A duty of ten per cent. ad valorem was imposed on all goods imported into the Fraser river country. It is almost unnecessary to say that this duty is wholly unauthorized by any existing law. Latterly it was pretended that it was levied for the behoof of the government, but the fact that it was collected by Mr. Finlayson, the financial agent of the Hudson Bay Company, and not by the collector of the port, in addition to other circumstances, would lead to the belief that it was imposed by the company and for their own benefit. A letter is in existence from Mr. Finlayson to Mr. G. B. Wright, a contractor on the Harrison Lilloet trail, in which that gentleman promises that the goods imported by Mr. Wright up Fraser river, for the subsistence and clothing of his men, shall not be charged with this duty of ten per cent. as long as the license of the company shall continue in existence, but that after its expiration they will have no control in the matter. If the duty had not been imposed by the company, they certainly

could have had no power to remit it in Mr. Wright's case."

SEIZING THE COUNTRY.

"The Americans it is true, were in sufficient force any time within the first six months to make successful any movement on their part towards the seizure of the colonies, which the fears of the authorities may have suggested as possible; but they entered the country with no marauding propensities; and furthermore, setting aside their indisposition to disturb the peaceful and friendly relations subsisting between their own country and Great Britain, the two colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia really offered no inducements sufficient to render them worthy of even a temporary struggle. It is true that, in all probability, both will eventually cease to be under European control. Their ultimate accession to the American possessions on the Pacific coast, is scarcely problematical—but in the meantime their intrinsic value, either of locality, soil, climate or productions, does not warrant any effort on the part of the American government or the American people towards their immediate acquisition."

We are extremely happy to learn that there is no danger of an "immediate acquisition" of these colonies by Yankeeedom. Our impression had been that we would have to annex a large number of the States to keep them from spoiling.

SOUR GRAPES.

"As national possessions these colonies are to us but of little value. As I have already stated, Vancouver Island—two hundred and seventy miles long and forty miles broad—contains, as far as I could learn, not more than twenty or twenty-five miles of open land, and that not of the first quality."

EXTRA-JUDICIAL.

"From a letter appended to this report from Capt. William Webster, now in this city, from which it will be seen that the Chief Justice of the colony of Vancouver Island, Mr. Cameron, so far forgot himself, on one occasion, as to say in open court, that the only further punishment he thought should be inflicted on a person named Munro, convicted of perjury, who had been in prison for three months, was to "send him to the other side." (Washington Territory.) "where all rogues and villains should be sent, where they belonged, and should remain."

We are informed by old residents that this occurred some years ago.

CONVERSIONS IN ENGLAND.—A correspondent of the British Messenger (Scotland.) states that the heirs to the Protestant earldoms of Denbigh, Gainsborough, Abingdon, Oxford and Dysart are converts to the Catholic faith, and that the Earl of Dunraven became a Catholic in 1855. The Earl of Gainsborough is patron for nine Episcopal livings; the Earl of Oxford of seven livings, and the Earl of Abingdon of four livings; twenty-four livings in all, which are at the disposal of professed Roman Catholics.

THE London Daily News is the first of the morning papers to adopt the cheap press system. Its prices have been reduced forty per cent.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1859.

LOUD and numerous complaints are daily being made in consequence of the dilatoriness of the governments of British Columbia and Vancouver's Island not taking measures to settle up our farming lands. These complaints are well founded, and are among the best evidences of the incompetency of the present administration to govern the country properly. Here the whole force of the government is directed to build up Victoria, at the expense of this whole colony. Funds which belong to this town in common with the rest of the country are wholly devoted to the selfish purposes of those in power—to improve their town lots—and not a dime is disbursed, nor any well-digested effort made, to induce agriculturists to settle on the rich lands in the interior. The price of lands is set at the exorbitant figure of five dollars an acre—which even at that rate would have been taken by actual settlers had they had a chance; but the cursed policy of government making no difference between drones with a few thousand dollars, and the hardy and industrious producer, has left our back country a wilderness, and this town without its natural support. Instead of giving a preference to farmers, speculators have been allowed to purchase the rich valleys of Saanitch and Cowichin, and are now holding them under a promissory title at extravagant prices, thereby blasting the prosperity of the country. This order of things must be changed, and a new system inaugurated; and the official moths who carry this country in their breeches pocket, must be taught that public servants must devote themselves to the prosperity of the country and not be inveterate schemers.

Experience in settling new countries demonstrates beyond controversy that cheap lands to actual settlers is the best mode to fill the country with population. This should be our policy. The unsurveyed public domain should be thrown open to settlement to everybody without distinction of race or nationality. A preference in all surveyed lands should be given to the farmer over the speculator, allowing him a reasonable time to locate. The balance then should be sold at auction. We have the best authority for saying that if inducements of this character were held out, thousands would be attracted here from Canada and the lower provinces. But as our wretched system now works, those who are here can get no lands, except they wait for the snail like movements of the mongrel incubus that selfishly paralyzes our progress.

In British Columbia land cannot be had at any price. They are actually worse off than ourselves. True a verbal sufferance or doubtful consent is given to cultivate the unsurveyed lands; but this affords no substantial guarantee to the producer to make a home on the soil. He wants certainty; he does not want to sow and let others reap the benefit of his labor. The consequences of such a lamentable and suicidal policy is the non-settlement of the country, and a continual drain on our gold to buy what we should raise ourselves.

HAIDA INDIANS.—About 80 canoes containing nearly 1000 Indians arrived on Thursday, from Queen Charlotte's Island. They have pitched their lodges at the north end of the town. They have brought several very fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz, and some fine gold. We are not informed as to what part of the Island they obtained their gold from. They have also specimens of iron ore.

LATEST FROM FRASER RIVER.

Steamer Beaver, Capt. Lewis, arrived yesterday morning from Queenborough, bringing down twelve passengers, and from 5 to 10,000 dollars in dust.

Mr. Michael O'Brien, a miner who has been in the Canoe country since last summer, and who has come directly down in consequence of an attack of scurvy, gives an extremely favorable account of the mines there. He made 4000 dollars, the results of his own labor, mining about 85 miles above the Fountain. Large numbers of miners were arriving there from below. Provisions were plenty at Big Bar, about sixty miles above the Fountain. Flour \$80; Bacon and Beans \$1 and \$1.25. There are good diggings on the Bar for 800 to 1000 miners, and plenty more in other places.

Another passenger from the Lilloonette country, says the miners are all contented with their earnings, and have full confidence in the diggings. He intends to return at once to start a ranch. There is no snow in the trail except about six miles.

FAST TRAVELING.—Mr. A. D. McDonald's Express and Freight Boat left Fort Langley at 12 A. M., on Saturday last; arrived at Port Douglas at noon, Monday; discharged freight and returned to Langley at 7 P. M. on Wednesday, after stopping one day at Port Douglas, bringing to Langley Judge Begbie and suite. The distance up is 85 miles. Considering the currents and portage on Harrison river, this is fast travelling, and the best time ever made. The boat immediately returned with a cargo of Chinamen, en route for Bridge river.

Communicated.

QUEENBOROUGH, April 21, 1859.

It will perhaps be interesting to know how we are progressing here. The town is being laid out; the Custom House is nearly finished, also the Treasury; the clearing is also going on well; we have two wharves, and about fifteen houses already built, including two restaurants, a barber-shop, grocer, two bakers, etc. etc. It is very necessary to get the lots early into market, as the present parties only vest on sufferance. A good deal of contraband is going up the river; two large seizures have lately been made, and we wait with impatience to have the Capital declared a port of entry, and all goods going up the river to be discharged here. A report exists that a party in Victoria hold a monopoly of the spirit trade, and are sending up spirits at 10 per cent. duty, when others have to pay \$1 per gallon; if this is not true, it ought to be contradicted. I have been up to Langley. They have barely a place there to build twenty houses but no more. If a town of delivery is requisite below Fort Hope it will be better to go higher up the river. Any one who thinks favorably of that place ought to go over the ground. If the barracks remain there longer, it will be requisite to have an hospital alongside. I caught marsh fever for only one night's sleeping there. Judge Begbie has returned from the Canoe country. He reports very favorably. All are doing well, but roads are wanted, and people have to go on half rations and pay enormous prices for the necessities of life. It is reported a good trail can be made for wagons from Fort Hope, along the river Coquahalla to Manson mountain, and from thence to the Forks. Parties have made the journey in its present state in three days, and a petition has been sent down to our Lieut. Governor to have it surveyed. Eventually we shall have a trail or road from the head of Pitt river to Bridge river, and it is by this route the railroad will come down; but in the meantime, we want a good road by which miners

can get up provisions cheap, and therefore we must make the best use of the means in our power. We want steamers cut from England, to run between here and San Francisco, and here and Victoria, and two or three companies forming to run river boats on the river. It costs 90 dollars per ton to take goods from here to Fort Yale.

Your obedient servant.

A CORRESPONDENT.

Communicated.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—As a natural consequence of the recent movement made by Bankers and others in San Francisco towards the expulsion of depreciated Foreign silver coin, Victoria is threatened again by inundation this summer, not indeed, by "thousands of brigands," (GOD SAVE THE MARK!) but by thousands of spurious and depreciated South and Central American dollars, and Bombay and Calcutta rupees.

Any person fortunate enough to be the possessor of a sovereign, or an eagle, and who has occasion to have it changed in any of the shops, restaurants or bar-rooms in town, will find that one-half or more of what he receives consists of the following described metal, the relative value of which to American currency in San Francisco is as follows:

Bolivian dollars and half-dollars 70 and 55 cents. Other South and Central American dollars and half-dollars the same. Rupees 40 cents each.

In asserting that at least one-half of the silver currency comprise the above named coins, I do not do so at random, and for the proof, refer every man to his own pocket. Gradual accessions to their amount have been taking place by the arrival of every steamer, and now that the declared value as above, is clearly understood in San Francisco, and the fact equally well known that 50 per cent. on the former and 20 on the latter can be made by shipping them to this port; considering, also, the facility afforded by weekly steamer communication, it is but reasonable to expect that the inducement of such a large premium, will cause remittances of depreciated silver specie to such an extent, so that, as in California in '54 and '55, when the country was deluged by importations from the continent of Europe, of French francs, and Russian drittels, which sought a market where the artificial nature of business had made them current at nearly double their mint value, until bankers and merchants at last refused to take them altogether, and they fell in the hands of the brokers at two-thirds their real value, entailing a heavy loss upon retail traders, who are always the sufferers in such cases, all over the country.

Here, where we have but few national coins—not any colonial—and no official value upon foreign coins, San Francisco must be the barometer, and regulate prices in Victoria, and as nine-tenths of the provisions and merchandise come from that port, for which remittances have to be made either in gold dust or in coin, at its current value in San Francisco, not here, there is but one remedy, and the longer delayed, the more expensive to the community it will become. Reduce them here to their par value in San Francisco, when they will soon find their level and no longer bear the disproportion they do at present to other coins in circulation.

The growing requirements of the country demand a large amount of specie, for the purpose of commerce, but we can ill afford to pay so high a premium as we now do for depreciated coin. Let the Customs and Post Office take the lead—either reject or place an official value upon them. Traders will then have a guide to go by, and future monetary derangement mitigated if not avoided.

MERCATOR.

Victoria, 25d April, 1859.

ENTRANCE TO FRASER RIVER.—We are informed by Mr. J. S. Titcombe, one of the best Fraser river pilots, and who has been engaged in piloting vessels into the river for nearly a year past,—that he can pilot over the bar at the mouth of Frazer river, at dead low water, a vessel drawing fifteen feet of water, and one drawing twenty-feet at high water, with perfect safety. The channel, over the bar, he says, is not crooked; he only steering two courses;—and after passing it, the water is deep enough to float the largest ship, and room enough in the river for a large vessel to beat up to Queenborough or New Langley with five or six reaches.

BEACON HILL RACES.—Next Monday and Tuesday the horse races will come off at Beacon Hill. There will be lots of fun,—catching pigs by the tail, climbing a greased pole and running in sacks. Mr. J. Ducie Cusheen, the enterprising proprietor of the Union Hotel, will erect a large circus tent to accommodate the public with refreshments, which he will serve in that masterly style peculiar only to himself.

ENTERPRISE.—The Gov. Douglas goes direct to Fort Hope to-day. Capt Murray designs running all summer between here and the above place. Merchandise can consequently be sent right into the mines without reshipment. This will be a great saving to up-river traders, and will have a tendency, with cheap freight, to ensure Victoria the lion's share of trade.

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Victoria, April 1st, 1859. a23tf

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ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, between 7 and 9 o'clock, a BILL OF SALE and TRANSFER of a House and twenty acres of Land. The papers are supposed to have been lost between Yates and Government streets. For further particulars, and reward, apply at this office

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Steamer Eliza Anderson left on Tuesday morning with about 40 passengers, 20 of whom were Chinamen. She carried up some 50 tons of merchandise.

She arrived on Thursday, making the trip in 22 hours, bringing \$55,000 in gold dust, and 21 passengers, some ten of whom were miners.

On Friday morning she returned, carrying up a detachment of Royal Engineers, and a considerable number of passengers, with a full freight of merchandise and government stores. She is expected this morning.

POLICE REPORT.

On Saturday 16th April, several parties were brought before the Police Court charged with enticing sailors of Her Majesty's ship Tribune to desert, and receiving money from the sailors under pretense of landing them on the American side. This being a matter of frequent occurrence, the Crown has interfered and the parties are being prosecuted by Mr. Peakes, Crown Solicitor. The evidence, as far as heard, implicates three of the parties, but the fourth is as yet unassailable. The Court, however, have deferred the case in order to obtain further evidence.

It is to be regretted that men will lend or set themselves to an action which must drive detrimental to the interests of the British Navy. What the decision of the Court will be is not yet known, but it is clear that three of the parties are guilty, judging from the evidence.

There has been several cases during the week of selling liquor to the Indians. They were met by the extreme penalty on offenders.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Met on the 19th inst., Justices Cameron, Langford and Pemberton presiding. The Grand Jury was duly sworn, after considerable delay, they returned a bill against Kennedy for highway robbery, and much to the astonishment of the Court and others present who had heard the investigation, ignored the bill against parties accused of compounding the felony in the same case. It turned out on enquiry that the witnesses were not produced. This is one of those bungling modes by which incompetent officials expect to carry out the laws of this Colony. In another case the bill was ignored against James Peterson and Coleman Ward, for want of the prosecuting witnesses. It was shown in Court that they had been present at the day fixed for the regular Quarter Sessions. No jury having been summoned the trial could not be proceeded with at that time. It may be a question on whom the blame rests; it may be the Sheriff or it may be the Crown. But this fact is well known, that summonses were issued for the Supreme Court during the absence of the Sheriff.

DEATH OF DILLON'S SECRETARY.—William H. Newby, a colored man, who was Assistant Secretary of Consul Dillon at Hayti, and formerly one of the editors of the Mirror of the Times newspaper, in San Francisco, died on the 20th of March in the latter city.—[Weekly Sac. Union, March 26th.]

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICE of the Lands and Works Department for British Columbia is removed to Yates street, opposite to Messrs. Wills, Fargo and Co's, where all communications are to be addressed, and personal enquiries made, instead of as heretofore at the Lieut. Governor's residence.

By order of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for British Columbia.
April 14, 1859—31.

A CARD.

D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E., begs to intimate that he is about to proceed to Queenborough on the Government Survey, and that Mr. Rudolph d' Hensense, his assistant, will give prompt attention to all matters of business at Victoria. Architectural plans, Machine Drafting and specifications prepared. The erection of Buildings, Mills, Wharves, Bridges, etc., superintended. Town Lots and Farming Lands surveyed, selected and purchased either in Vancouver Island, at Queenborough, or any other part of British Columbia. Plans and reports setting forth the quantity, quality of soil, location and other necessary information furnished on application. Communications to be addressed to **D. G. F. MACDONALD, C. E.,** Queenborough, or at his Chambers with Messrs. Wight and Copland, Barristers and Conveyancers, Victoria, where plans will be open for inspection.

Victoria, V. I., 6th April, 1859. *ap9m1

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